# Release Notes for The Raiser's Edge

Blackbaud is pleased to send you the 7.01 update for ***The Raiser's Edge***. Before you begin using the program, please take a moment to review the following release notes. It is important to share this information with all ***Raiser's Edge*** users in your organization.

***Note:***

- Due to changes in the program, installing this update to ***The Raiser's Edge 7.01*** may take anywhere from 15 minutes to a few hours, depending on your hardware and the size of your database. Do not cancel the installation while in progress.

***New Features:***

- **Dashboard:** Brand new FREE functionality is at your users' hands! Use *Dashboard* to customize summaries and lists in tables or graphs to monitor, measure performance, or forecast information about your organization's most important tasks. You can view up to four panels on the Dashboard page about information such as, campaigns, memberships, expected gifts, or overdue gifts. For more information about *Dashboard*, see the Dashboard Guide.
  **Please Note:** In order to use *Dashboard* on a *Windows 98* operating system (for which support ends on January 31, 2002), you must download the DCOM98.exe *Microsoft* patch. A link to this can be found at www.blackbaud.com on the Customer Support/Grab Bag page. From the Grab Bag page, click **Downloads**.

- **Name Field Changes:** These changes will affect the way you do data entry. All **Full name** fields have been divided into separate, individual name fields (**First name**, **Middle name**, **Last name**, **Title**, **Suffix**). These changes affect constituent, relationship, and participant records, as well as *Configuration*, *Batch*, *Export*, *Query*, *Mail*, *Reports*, **Global change**, and **Import**.

- **Aliases:** To include an alias for constituents, the **Aliases** button appears on the Bio 1 tab of the constituent record. This replaces the Aliases tab of the Edit Name screen. Previously, this tab appeared when you clicked the **Name** button.

- **Address Field Changes:** The individual **Address** field has been broken out into specific fields: **Address lines**, **City**, **State**, **ZIP**, **Country**. You can zoom in and scroll to view all information contained in the **Address lines** field. In addition, all **Address as it will be printed** fields have been changed to **Address block**. The **Address block** is a read-only field.

- **More Button:** The **Address** button on the Bio 1 tab of the constituent record has changed to the **More** button. The **More** button accesses the constituent address record and contains specific address information.

- **Increased Program Performance:** We have increased the speed and general performance of ***The Raiser's Edge***. Specifically, you will notice improved performance while working with queries and exports, when loading the Attributes page in *Configuration*, marking gifts as receipted, and working with custom receipts.

- **Event Changes:** There have been several changes in *RE:Event*. Most importantly, multiple users can now enter participants to an event simultaneously, and the Open screen for participants has replaced the Participant search screen. For information about additional changes, see The Raiser's Edge 7.01 Update Guide.

- **Import Changes:** The **Import** exception report now shows you the field name responsible for the exception so you can go back to the field and correct the errors.

- **Delete Button:** The **Delete** button has been removed from the toolbar of all records. Also, the **File**, **Delete** menu option now shows the record type to be deleted.

- **Blackbaud Management Console Additions:** Network users working with the Blackbaud Management Console will find two new tools: the **Move Database** and **Rebuild Database** links. With the **Move Database** link, you can select any database currently installed on your server and move it to another drive or directory. With the **Rebuild Database** link, you can rebuild any database currently installed on your server. You can use this process to reclaim disk space after you delete large amounts of data from your database. Also, the management console automatically backs up your database before performing either procedure. For more information about these new features, see the Database Administrator's Guide.

- **Registry Change:** When installing ***The Raiser's Edge*** to a client workstation, the installation path written to the registry is now written as a UNC (Uniform Naming Convention) path.

- **Page Size:** With the Blackbaud Management Console's **Rebuild Database** link, you can resize your database for improved performance. For example, if you have a 4K page size database, you can rebuild your database to a 16K page size and experience up to a 15% gain in performance when running complex queries. The exact degree of improvement depends on database size and makeup of the query.

- **Additional Changes:** Many other ***Raiser's Edge*** functions have been updated: *Query*, *Batch*, *Reports*, *Mail*. For detailed information about the changes to each function, please see The Raiser's Edge 7.01 Update Guide.